

Finding Your Way Back to God. Week Four

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” (Luke 15:21)

Quick! Bring the best **robe** and put it on him. Put **a ring** on his finger and **sandals** on his feet. (Luke 15: 22)

- How does the prodigal son navigate the inner turmoil of shame and guilt upon his return, knowing he has squandered his inheritance?
- What external obstacles does the prodigal son face as he attempts to rebuild his relationship with his father and reintegrate into his community?
- How does the prodigal son confront the skepticism and resentment of those questioning the sincerity of his repentance and his father's forgiveness?
- What specific actions does the prodigal son take to demonstrate genuine remorse and a desire for reconciliation with his father?
- How does the prodigal son overcome his own pride and ego to accept the humility required to ask for forgiveness and seek love from his father?
- What emotional barriers does the prodigal son encounter in fully embracing his father's forgiveness and the unconditional love offered to him?
- In what ways does the prodigal son struggle with the fear of repeating past mistakes and falling back into his old habits, even after experiencing his father's love and forgiveness?

Prayer:

God, if you are real, make yourself real to me. Awaken in me the awareness that I am your unconditionally loved child.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old is gone, the new is here!” -2 Corinthians 5:17)

- Your past is in the past. You are a new creation. You are home!

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“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...” –Ephesians 1:7)

- Your sins have been forgiven. Your record is clean. You are home!

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... - Romans 8:1)

- You are not condemned. Bye, bye, shame! You are home!

“...nothing in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God...” – Romans 8:39)

- You can never be separated from God's love. You are home!

- *“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith...” – Galatians 3:26)*

- You are God's child. You will always be God's child. You are home!

”Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is an illusion. God's love for you and his choice of you constitute your worth. Accept that, and let it become the most important thing in your life.”

-Brennan Manning, *Abba's Child*